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## **Nevada's First Recycling Program for Compact Fluorescent Lights Launched by Sierra Pacific Power and Waste Management**

Sierra Pacific Power Company is partnering with Waste Management Inc. to offer Nevada's first recycling program for compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). Beginning April 1, the utility's residential customers can take their defunct bulbs to one of eight Waste Management facilities in northern Nevada. The service will be free.

Lights collected will be shipped to a Waste Management facility in Minnesota where the metal, plastic and glass used to manufacture the lights will be recycled, along with the trace amounts of mercury that are found in all fluorescent lights. According to the federal government's Energy Star program for energy efficiency, each CFL contains an average of 5 milligrams of mercury, about the amount required to cover the tip of a ballpoint pen.

"Since disposing the lights in landfills isn't the best solution, due mostly to concerns about mercury, this pilot program will give our customers an opportunity to recycle," said John Hargrove, program manager for energy efficiency and conservation for Sierra Pacific.

By funding discounts at local stores, Sierra Pacific has distributed more than 1.6 million CFLs in northern Nevada over the past five years as part of the company's effort to encourage energy efficiency, Hargrove said. Since its inception, the program has reduced annual electricity usage by approximately 51.6 million kilowatt hours, he added.

CFLs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer, Hargrove said, adding that they also produce 75 percent less heat and they're available in a variety of shapes and sizes designed to fit almost any fixture.

Waste Management will be accepting CFLs for recycling at the following locations:

Waste Management of Nevada  
Market Area Office  
100 Vassar Street, Reno  
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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## **Nevada's First – Add 1**

Refuse Inc. Sage Transfer Station  
1390 E. Commercial Row, Reno  
Mon. – Sat., 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sun., 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Refuse Inc. Stead Transfer Station  
13890 Mt. Anderson, Stead  
Mon. – Sun., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Capital Sanitation  
5560 Sheep Drive, Carson City  
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Incline Sanitation  
1076 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village  
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lockwood Regional Landfill  
2401 Canyon Way, Lockwood  
Mon. – Sat., 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Waste Management Recycle America  
Greg Street MRF  
1455 E. Greg Street, Sparks  
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Waste Management Recycle America  
Commercial Row MRF  
1100 E. Commercial Row, Reno  
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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